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32. (first amendment) A metallic body which has been compressed and consolidated from an initial powder metal form to a highly densified form, the body consisting of at least two metals, the proportions of which vary along a body dimension, one of said metals being tantalum[.], the consolidated tantalum having <111> texture of less than about 2.8X random.

35. (first amendment) A metallic body which has been compressed and consolidated from an initial powder metal form to a highly densified form, the body consisting of at least two metals, the proportions of which vary along a body dimension, one of said metals being tantalum, [The body of claim 32] and wherein the body is elongated and has a tapered nose portion, there being a second body portion along said dimension, the body consisting of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  in said body nose portion and second body portion being different.

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40. (first amendment) A pressure consolidated powdered metal product wherein the powdered metal is distributed in successive layers, each layer having a different weight percentage of consolidated powdered metals, at least one of the powdered metals being tantalum[.], the consolidated tantalum having <111> texture of less than about 2.8X random.

44. (first amendment) A metallic body which has been compressed and consolidated from an initial powder metal form to a highly densified form, the body consisting of at least two metals, the proportions of which vary along a body dimension, one of said metals being tantalum, said body having decreasing strength or ductility in each of two body dimensions, [The body of claim 41 wherein said] the body [tapers] tapering toward a top zone, the body ductility and/or strength being greatest at said top zone.

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45. (first amendment) A metallic body which has been compressed and consolidated from an initial powder metal form to a highly densified form, the body consisting of at least two metals, the proportions of which vary along a body dimension, one of said metals being tantalum, said body having decreasing strength or ductility in each of two body dimensions, [The body of claim 41] and wherein said body comprises a conical shell.

46. (first amendment) A metallic body which has been compressed and consolidated from an initial powder metal form to a highly densified form, the body consisting of at least two metals, the proportions of which vary along a body dimension, one of said metals being tantalum, said body having decreasing strength or ductility in each of two body dimensions, [The body of claim 41 which] and wherein the body has a cylindrical section and a tapered section at one end of the cylindrical section.

47. (first amendment) The [method] body of claim [32] 45 wherein the consolidated tantalum has <111> texture of less than about 2.8X random.